



Assembly Member CHARLES CALDERON Newsletter

Representing the cities of Downey, Montebello, Pico Rivera, Whittier, the communities of East Los Angeles, Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, South San Jose Hills, Valinda and portions of City of Industry and La Mirada.

A MESSAGE FROM ASSEMBLY MEMBER CHARLES CALDERON

Dear Friend,

It is with a reinvigorated sense of pride and commitment that I have returned to public service in the California State Legislature. I am proud to inform you that this legislative session I have authored legislation that provides support for victims of domestic violence and recognizes one of our states fallen public safety servants who sought to protect our neighborhoods from gang violence. In addition I have truly enjoyed the interactions I have shared with many of you. It is your guidance and support that drives my work in the legislature.

The Golden State has often been the beacon of light and hope for our country. It has been said as California goes, so goes the nation. This year the legislature has taken up the vital issue of healthcare reform. With over 6.5 million Californians without access to healthcare, it is incumbent upon us as California's elected leaders to address this growing problem.

I am proud to have authored Assembly Bill 502 which would provide victims of domestic violence with legal and vocational services to ensure that they become self-sufficient. The true heroes in our society are those who give their lives in protection others. Sheriff Jerry Ortiz undoubtedly deserves all the recognition we can bestow. ACR 27 renames a portion of Highway 60 in his honor.

Over the past few months there have been several opportunities to meet and discuss issues of importance with residents of the 58th Assembly District. This past March over 70 stake-holders from the 58th Assembly District attended my District Office Grand Opening. In May I spoke at my Alma Mater California State University Los Angeles to a group of students, administrators, faculty and community leaders about the important role that education had on me and how it can open the doors of opportunity for our society's future leaders.

I hope that this newsletter will serve as a chance for us to communicate with each other and that you find the information interesting and useful.

I am assured that we will have many more opportunities to work together and recognize the great work that our community leaders are doing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles M. Calderon".

Charles M. Calderon
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Did You Know?

My staff is available to provide you with multitude of constituent services. They can provide you with information on the state budget, status of legislation, certificates of recognition and assist you with statewide government organizations.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

CALDERON'S LEGISLATION RENAMING HIGHWAY IN HONOR OF FALLEN DEPUTY SHERIFF SIGNED BY GOVERNOR.

Assembly Member Charles M. Calderon's (D-Montebello) Assembly Concurrent Resolution 27 has cleared the legislature and been signed by the Governor. ACR 27 would rename a portion of State Highway Route 60, between State Highway Route 605 and State Highway Route 19, in Los Angeles County, the "Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff Jerry Ortiz Memorial Highway" in honor of the fallen hero.

A respected member of the law enforcement community, Deputy Sheriff Jerry Ortiz, assigned to the city of Lakewood, was fatally shot in the summer of 2005 while performing an investigation relative to an ex-convict gang member.

"Deputy Sheriff Jerry Ortiz deserves recognition for his noble dedication to his profession and tireless efforts to protect the public from gang activity," Assembly Member Calderon stated. "Designating a segment of State Highway 60 will be an important tribute for the unglamorous and challenging job Deputy Ortiz proudly carried out during his short life."

Although only 35-years-old at the time of his death, Deputy Sheriff Ortiz was a 15-year veteran of the Los Angeles Deputy Sheriff's Department. As a member of the Gang Enforcement team he was crucial in the training of recruits and patrol deputies in both boxing techniques and defensive tactics. In 2004 he received the Lakewood Award of Valor for his courageous actions during a life-threatening confrontation. Additionally, Deputy Ortiz served in the U.S. Army from 1988 to 1996.

The resolution was sponsored by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Blanca Espinoza Selected As The 2007 58th Assembly District's Woman Of The Year



Assembly Member Calderon escorts Blanca Espinoza to be recognized as Woman of the Year by the California State Legislature

Sacramento, CA- This past March Assemblymember Calderon recognized Blanca Espinoza as the 2007 Woman of the Year for the 58th Assembly District. Blanca, a resident of Montebello, has been a long time advocate for the safety and well-being of children.

"At a time when the Legislature is confronting the task of Universal Healthcare, it is especially fitting that the Legislature recognized Blanca, who is known throughout the 58th Assembly District as a staunch advocate for healthcare accessibility and safe communities" stated Assembly Member Calderon. "Her work in the community has been pivotal to the well being of working families. Blanca's dedication and commitment is truly inspiring and serves as a remarkable example for others."

Blanca Espinoza serves as a Family Advocate for the Healthy Start program at Eastman Middle School; where she provides educational guidance, family support and youth development services. In addition she is a member of L.A. Care's Executive Community Advisory Committee; a community based healthcare advocacy organization.

Assembly Member Charles Calderon Addresses The 58th Assembly District's State Of The State



Assembly Member Calderon with 58th Assembly high school students at the 2007 State of the State

Downey, CA- At this year's State of the State Assemblymember Calderon addressed a diverse cross section of 58th Assembly District stake-holders. There are several issues looming in California that are affecting the lives of Californians. Assemblymember Calderon used his opportunity to raise the issue of healthcare. He provided insight on the different healthcare measures being looked at in the legislature. In addition he discussed the vital issues of the budget and workers compensation reform.

The Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce in partnership with The Gas Company and Central Basin Municipal District sponsored the luncheon.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 27th, 2007

**58th Assembly District College Fair
California State University Los Angeles**

The 58th Assembly District College Fair is designed to provide important information for students and parents. Representatives from the University of California, California State University, the California Community Colleges and Private Universities will be present to distribute information on admissions, financial aid, and academic programs available. In addition the Campaign for College Opportunity is sponsoring a \$500 college scholarship that will be awarded to a high school student in attendance.

Assemblymember Calderon Joins Community Efforts To Rebuild Garfield High School



Assemblymember Calderon addressing the community at Garfield High School

East Los Angeles, CA- Fire damage to Garfield High School destroyed the school's historic auditorium and caused extensive smoke and water damage to the school. Assemblymember Charles Calderon is working with government, community and business leaders to rebuild the auditorium and the classrooms and offices that were affected by the fire. Garfield High School alumni Oscar De La Hoya donated \$50,000 to help the rebuilding efforts.

"Garfield High School is not merely an educational landmark. It is a beacon in East Los Angeles that has illuminated the way to economic, artistic, and academic achievements for generations of students," stated Assemblyman Charles M. Calderon. "I grew up knowing that Garfield was the heart and soul of East Los Angeles and that it represented the very best of our community."

For anyone interested in making a donation, the Fund to Rebuild Garfield Auditorium (Account #31296-51293) has been established with Bank of America. The account has been set up so that community-members and business leaders can make donations through cash or check at any Bank of America location. For more information on making a donation please contact Mr. Henry Beltran, President of the Garfield High School Alumni Association at (562) 728-9353.

Local High School endorsed by Assemblymember Calderon successful in receiving education grant

Pico Rivera, CA- Bermudez Cal-Safe School has been awarded a \$5,000 Barona Education Grant. The school is a fully accredited high school program that serves pregnant teens, and teen parents with the opportunity to earn a high school diploma.

"I am pleased to have been instrumental in the award of this grant. Competition for grant funding is intense, especially with the limitations on discretionary funding that schools face, said Assemblyman Calderon. I applaud Barona for their commitment to education."

The Barona Band of Mission Indians only awards Barona Education Grants to schools that are endorsed and nominated by their state legislator. The funds are used to purchase educational supplies and materials such as books and computers.